

Easter Opening... of Ladies' and Misses' Suits and Wraps.



SAKS & CO. take great pleasure in announcing for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday a display of fine imported and domestic novelties that were specially made for Easter and have just arrived.

We feel sure from the interest already manifested in Richmond's newest and best Suit and Wrap Department that you will appreciate the timeliness and convenience of this exhibition—giving it the honor of your attendance.

It is a collection of original and exclusive creations of such master costumers as Paugot, Felix, Worth, Sarah Mayer, Rodnitz, and others who set the fashions of the world, together with the clever productions of less famous but meritorious artists. Needless to say, that such a showing in Richmond is without parallel or precedent.

At the same time, the garments are within easy price-reach.

Special Sale of Models.

Another feature of these three days will be the special offering of what remain of those Model Dresses—Suits, Capes—and Jackets—that gave such tone and character to our initial opening a short month ago. They're fresh as the day they went on display—and consist of Black Silk Grenadines made over silk. Novelty Wool Gowns, Imported Swiss, Lawn, and Organdy Dresses of the grandest values and highest types of fashion.

They have served their mission with us—and we have determined to let the loss come now, when the gain to you will be all the greater.

Take it all in all—the coming week is one of extraordinary moment to the ladies of this city.

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THE EPILEPTIC INSANE.

AN OPINION FROM AN EMINENT AND EXPERIENCED SURGEON.

This Class of Unfortunate Citizens is Rapidly Growing and Dr. Blackford Says Special Steps Must be Taken for Them.

STAUNTON, VA., April 10.—Special—I called on Dr. Benjamin Blackford, superintendent of the Western State Hospital, with the request that he would give his views on the question of the treatment of epileptics in or out of our State Hospital, which is now being discussed by many persons interested in this growing and unfortunate class of our citizens. The interview resulted in the following highly interesting statement:

PLACATE COLONY.
The burden of the care and maintenance of this unfortunate class of our fellow citizens is increasing rapidly, as I have said, not only in this State, but other States, and it is our duty to do the best we can for them, either by erecting separate buildings for them at the existing Hospital, or to establish a colony and give them the benefit of work on a farm and out-door exercise.

They could be better taken care of and utilized on the colony plan than the chronic insane could be under a separate institution, as they could be worked to a greater advantage.

UNSUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS.
Experience has demonstrated that this

class should be cared for in hospitals with special inmates, and wherever the experiment of a separate institution for the chronic insane has been tried, notably in New York, it has been unsuccessful and abandoned.

Pennsylvania is now trying the experiment at Wernersville, but the reports are not encouraging as to its continued successful operation. The whole question is a very serious one to contemplate, and should be well considered.

This State is in no financial condition to be establishing new plants, either for our epileptics or any class of the insane, without serious consideration in any aspect.

DR. BLACKFORD'S STATEMENT.
"There are no more disturbing patients in the wards than in any epileptic. The cries of many of them when they are coming on, and the convulsive movements when seizures take place are distressing in the extreme to a great many intelligent patients, especially those of a sensitive nature, or those who are recovering. Not only so, but many epileptics are dangerous to others, and during the exciting stage need constant watching.

The epileptics in the place of patients who are really insane, and if the present rapid increase of epileptics in the hospitals continues they will soon be no room for the insane, some other course.

RAPID INCREASE.
Sooner or later the State will have to make provision for this class, either by constructing buildings at each of the hospitals, to be used exclusively for this class, or to establish a colony, a separate institution for them, as has been done in several of the States. The question to be considered by the Legislature is, which is the more economical plan under the present conditions of the State.

The present condition of the State, not insane, sent to the State Hospital, who are utilized in the working force. They have their convulsions while at work, and as soon as they are away, off on their own with the work of no one but their own.

It is a question of no small importance in an institution on the colony plan with a farm, and would doubtless be self-supporting in a few years under proper management.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN.
Rev. Geo. H. Ray, Ordained and Assigned to Amherst on a House.

CHAILLOTSVILLE, VA., April 10.
The closing exercises of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, which has been in session at Charlottesville since last Tuesday noon, place today.

Licentiate George H. Ray was ordained to the full work of the ministry and a commission as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Amherst, Va., was conferred on him by the presbytery.

There was a spirited contest to secure the next meeting of the Presbytery, Messrs. Arvon, Charles, and all placed in nomination. Arvon church was re-elected, and August 10th was chosen as the time for the next meeting.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.
J. W. Harris Wants to Represent Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania.

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Manager Stevens Will Remain.

The Cincinnati papers have referred several times to the report that General Manager George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio system, would shortly resign his connection with the Wabash system, with which he was associated prior to coming to the Chesapeake and Ohio.

Mr. Stevens was seen yesterday morning and asked as to the correctness of the report. He replied that there was no truth whatever in it.

A gentleman familiar with the facts said yesterday morning that these reports were circulated semi-annually, and that they were originated with the Indianapolis Journal.

"There is no foundation for the report," said the gentleman, "for Mr. Stevens stated to me this morning that he intended to remain with the Chesapeake and Ohio system, and had never contemplated leaving it."

Mr. Stevens has many friends in Richmond, and all with whom he has business relations will be glad to know that the services of this able and energetic man will continue with the Chesapeake and Ohio to the city such an estimable gentleman.

Funeral of Mr. Sneed.
The funeral of Mr. Edward T. Sneed, whose death was announced in yesterday's issue, took place from Leigh Street Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended by the relatives and friends of the deceased. Many members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Fire Department attended the funeral, as well as others connected with the city government. Rev. Dr. Hyde, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church, conducted the services. The interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Hon. Malcolm A. Coles, of Northumberland county, was in the city yesterday.

Deaf as Cannot Be Cured.
By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are cured by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for the cure of deafness (caused by catarrh) if you cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure, sent for free trial. Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists &c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

There may be a hundred pretenders—but there can be but one real leader—one store that embodies every attribute of mastership—always honest qualities—always lowest prices—always the widest variety. By these tokens we are the recognized leaders—in whom the people have confidence—to whom they extend their patronage freely—from whom they receive their greatest satisfaction. The perfect store.

We've Crossed the Line

of prejudice. None of the ready-made earmarks about our Top Coats and Suits. Every evidence of custom tailoring—except in the price. We do the making in our own workshops—so we know how it is done. We employ artist cutters—and expert tailors—who are without peers in their line. We have our six stores to supply—and that figures the cost of production down to its lowest point. A fair retailer's profit is all we ask—all you pay—and that's how we can sell better clothes than anybody—cheaper than everybody. We want to do it—and we do it.

These are Big Values even for us to Offer

Top Coats.
Tan covert cloth, with best of Italian cloth lining and silk sleeve linings. Cut regular top coat shortness and made with careful attention to every detail. There are no better coats for \$15.

Spring Suits.
All-Wool Dark Brown and Gray Flaid 3-Button Cutaway Suits, tailored just as well as we know how, trimmed durably, and with good effect. No misstatement to say worth \$18.

A wonderful Coat, silk lined all through, very short cut, and very natty and nobby; popular tan shade. You've seen 'em for \$15 maybe—nowhere for less.

We offer to-morrow one lot of Tan Covert Coats, that are silk-lined throughout and ought to sell for \$20. The seams are lapped, the facings are wide. No longer cut than the new London Topper. Instead of \$19.

\$7.50
\$12.50
\$15.00

Brown Novelty Flaid Suits; not a hard flaid, but a general, robust effect. One of the best English mills wove the fabric, one of Saks' best cutters cut it, and our best tailors made it. Worth price would be \$20.

Boys' Clothing.

Especially in these days just preceding Easter we are equipped for the great rush that always surges to us for the youngsters' apparel. It is because year after year you have found the greatest satisfaction in our qualities, variety, and prices that send you unhesitatingly here. You are on the right track—more so this season than ever before.

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THE ROYAL ARCANUM.

THE GRAND BODY TO MEET HERE APRIL 20TH.

Prominent Men From All Over the State Will Attend—What the Great Arcanum is, and What It Has Done.

In the forefront of the ranks of great fraternal beneficial organizations stands the great Royal Arcanum, with a membership rapidly approaching a quarter of a million souls, and with a record that is phenomenal and interesting. This organization was formed in Boston on June 23, 1877, with a membership of seven men, who were imbued with the lofty principles of fraternal regard and a desire to cooperate in the great work of mutual co-operation and assistance on the part of men, wherever they may be.

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MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

FIGURES FURNISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Total Shipment From States of Production to Northern and Western Mills, Canada and Mexico.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The statements furnished the Department of Agriculture by all the railways and water transportation companies show that from September 1, 1896, to February 1, 1897, the total actual movement of cotton from the States of production to ports, northern and western mills, Canada, Mexico and all other destinations amounted to 6,517,129 commercial bales. Reports from the officials of the mills show actual exports during the same period amounted to 5,657,307 bales. The department, therefore, and predict agents show that in February, 1897, there remained on hand 859,822 bales in warehouses, 88,729 bales at public gins, 194,500 bales of compresses, 231,341 bales, and at ports and yards, 1,421 bales, total, 1,496,292 bales, not including stocks held at ports.

CROP BY STATES.
The crop by States is as follows: Movement from Alabama, 611,707 bales; remaining on plantations, in warehouses, 157,728 bales; brought by mills, 439,979 bales. Total, 1,051,414 bales.

From Arkansas, 481,783 bales; plantations, etc., 129,667 bales; mills, 445 bales. Total, 611,895 bales.

From Florida, 42,445 bales; plantations, etc., 8,842 bales. Total, 51,287 bales.

From Georgia, 624,000 bales; plantations, etc., 177,883 bales; mills, 134,120. Total, 1,235,903 bales.

From Indian Territory, 68,800 bales; plantations, etc., 14,600 bales. Total, 83,400 bales.

From Kentucky, 235 bales. Total, 235 bales.

From Louisiana, 486,711 bales; plantations, 197,769 bales; mills, 667,477 bales. Total, 1,154,197 bales.

From Mississippi, 922,904 bales; plantations, 148,207 bales; mills, 8,765 bales. Total, 1,079,876 bales.

From Missouri, 21,225 bales; plantations, 1,641 bales. Total, 22,866 bales.

From North Carolina, 671,714 bales; plantations, 88,049 bales; mills, 112,529 bales. Total, 872,292 bales.

From Oklahoma, 32,900 bales; plantations, 1,102 bales. Total, 34,002 bales.

From South Carolina, 593,430 bales; plantations, 1,841 bales; mills, 292,212 bales. Total, 887,483 bales.

From Tennessee, 168,000 bales; plantations, 54,567 bales; mills, 16,100 bales. Total, 238,667 bales.

From Texas, 1,223,140 bales; plantations, 344,616 bales; mills, 4,960. Total, 2,572,716 bales.

From Virginia, 10,434 bales; plantations, 80 bales. Total, 11,294 bales.

Total crop, 8,594,879 commercial bales.

ADDITIONAL RAILWAY MOVEMENT.
To the above mill figures should be added, for Georgia, 110 bales; Louisiana, 3,917 bales; North Carolina, 671 bales; and Texas, 2,727 bales, taken from ports and otherwise counted in the railway movement. The total, Missouri, 21,225 bales; Virginia figures being also included in the railway movement.

The mill purchases by States are as follows: Alabama, 443,675 bales; Arkansas, 445 bales; Georgia, 194,728 bales; Kentucky, 11,142 bales; Louisiana, 5,917 bales; Mississippi, 8,729 bales; Missouri, 1,841 bales; North Carolina, 112,529 bales; South Carolina, 292,212 bales; Tennessee, 16,100 bales; Texas, 4,960 bales; and Virginia, 11,294 bales. Total, 599,967 bales, as compared with 698,596 bales, revised figures, same period last year. No deduction has been made of cotton on plantations and at interior points September 1, 1896. The above figures are subject to revision in the department's final report.

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